

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-34 (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) A disposable clipping device for clipping tissue in the body of a patient, comprising;

a sheath member to be inserted in the body of the patient;

an actuating wire received in the sheath member so as to be longitudinally movable relative to the same;

a coupling member arranged at the distal end of the actuating wire, as well as;

a clip unit having a tissue clip which is adapted to be detachably coupled to the coupling member;

wherein:

the clipping device including the sheath member, the actuating wire and the coupling member is disposable; and

the coupling member is nondetachably fixed to the actuating wire and the actuating wire and the coupling member are integrally formed, and when the clip clips tissue, the clipping member is rendered irreclaimable while being kept fixed with the actuating wire, released from the clip unit, and remains at the distal end of the actuating wire.

36. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 35, wherein for connecting the coupling member to the actuating wire the latter is threaded through a hole in the coupling member and turned back.

37. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 35, wherein the coupling member is connected to the actuating wire by welding, in particular laser welding.

38. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 35, wherein the actuating wire is clamped to the coupling member.

39. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 35, further comprising an insertion tube that is fitted over the sheath member and movable longitudinally relative to the same.

40. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 39, further comprising a first operation unit mounted in the area of the proximal end of the insertion tube for longitudinally moving the insertion tube relative to the sheath member, as well as a second operation unit for exercising a pulling action on the actuating wire, wherein the second operating unit is provided with a slider that is coupled to the proximal end of the actuating wire and is guided so as to be slidable in longitudinal direction.

41. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 40, wherein the actuating wire is turned back at a middle part and the slider is fixed to said middle part of the actuating wire.

42. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 35, wherein the coupling member is provided with a hook for latching the tissue clip.

43. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 39, wherein the insertion tube is provided with raised portions at its inner surface and/or its outer surface.

44. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 35, wherein the clipping device is arranged in a packaging unit.

45. (Currently Amended) A disposable clipping device for clipping tissue in the body of a patient, comprising;

a sheath member to be inserted in the body of the patient;

an actuating wire received in the sheath member so as to be longitudinally movable relative to the same;

a coupling member arranged at the distal end of the actuating wire, as well as;

a clip unit having a tissue clip which is adapted to be detachably coupled to the coupling member;

wherein

the clipping device including the sheath member, the actuating wire and the coupling member is disposable; and

the coupling member is nondetachably fixed to the actuating wire and the actuating wire and the coupling member are integrally formed, and when the clip clips tissue, the clipping member is rendered irreclaimable while being kept fixed with the actuating wire, released from the clip unit, and remains at the distal end of the actuating wire.

46. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 45, wherein for connecting the coupling member to the actuating wire the latter is threaded through a hole in the coupling member and turned back,

47. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 45, wherein the coupling member is connected to the actuating wire by welding, in particular laser welding.

48. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 45, wherein the actuating wire is clamped to the coupling member.

49. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 45, further comprising an insertion tube that is fitted over the sheath member and movable longitudinally relative to the same.

50. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 49, further comprising a first operation unit mounted in the area of the proximal end of the insertion tube for longitudinally moving the insertion tube relative to the sheath member, as well as a second operation unit for exercising a pulling action on the actuating wire, wherein the second operating unit is provided with a slider that is coupled to the proximal end of the actuating wire and is guided so as to be slidable in longitudinal direction.

51. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 50, wherein the actuating wire is turned back at a middle part and the slider is fixed to said middle part of the actuating wire.

52. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 45, wherein the coupling member is provided with a hook for latching the tissue clip.

53. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 49, wherein the insertion tube is provided with raised portions at its inner surface and/or its outer surface.

54. (Currently Amended) The disposable clipping device according to claim 45, wherein the clipping device is arranged in a packaging unit.